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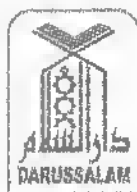
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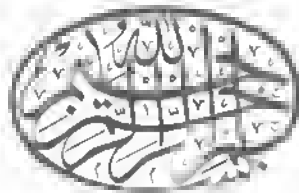
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Publisher's Note

All praises are due to Allâh, the Lord of all that exists in this universe. May Allâh's peace and blessings be upon His final Prophet and Messenger, Muhammad, his family and his Companions.

Darussalam is pleased to present this valuable book, *A Well-Guarded Treasure*, by a woman who was a Christian before, now has reverted to Islam. This is an autobiography presented by Iman Daglas unfolding the ethical and moral values of Islam in the perspective of current tussle between the materialism and the search for truth and eternal peace in Hereafter.

After accepting Islam, she says: "I had a huge argument with a family member. She was so upset with me of denying Jesus, I tried to tell her, I was not denying him, I just didn't accept him as a son of God, he was a Prophet."

The book in your hand deals with the concept of modesty. The Prophet ﷺ said: "Modesty results in good alone and nothing else."

Proper dress reflects Islamic values. Veil (*Hijab*) is one of the prerequisites to preserve those values. The Noble Qur'ân says: "Tell the believing women to draw their veils over their necks and bosoms."

This book comprises six chapters, all lucidly explaining the virtues of modesty, proper dress to preserve this modesty, and the consequences of blind imitation of western style by the Muslims.

Finally, this book summarizes the relationship between the Creator and His creatures highlighting the very

essence of life, love and fear of Allâh.

In a nutshell the writer says: "This life is but a blink of the eye."

It is, therefore, earnestly hoped that this new book will inspire the readers to realize that they should strengthen their faith in Almighty Allâh, galvanize their love and fear for the Creator, and contribute to the enrichment of ethical and moral values in the society to make this world full of peace and tranquillity.

We, at Darussalam profoundly realize the importance of good Islamic literature for all, men and women and especially young Muslims who are easily tempted to imbibe the brightness of Western culture.

The writer, Iman Daglas, has taken pain to collect useful references from the Noble Qur'ân, the traditions of the Prophet ﷺ and quotations from eminent Islamic scholars of contemporary history. May Allâh bless her and all those associated with this work.

And our final say is that all praises are due to Allâh, the Lord of all that exists.

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

*In the Name of Allâh,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

CHAPTER ONE

Proper Hijab

My Choice To Wear The *Khimar*

I cannot adequately express my feelings about Allâh and Islam. There are no words in the human language to convey my feelings. Being raised a Christian in America, I was perpetually lost. *Alhamdulillah!* Allâh saved me. He literally brought me from the darkness into the light. There is no better way to express what it feels like to find Islam than Allâh, the Almighty's words from the Noble Qur'ân. Allâh, the Almighty says:

﴿الرَّكْتَبُ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ لِتُخْرِجَ النَّاسَ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ ①﴾

"Alif-Lām-Rā. (This is) a Book which We have revealed to you (O Muhammad ﷺ) in order that you might lead mankind out of darkness (of disbelief and polytheism) into light (of belief in the Oneness of Allâh and Islāmic Monotheism) by their Lord's Leave to the Path of the Almighty, the Owner of all praise."^[1]

One should say that, "Allâh, the Almighty, gave me right guidance, and I reverted back to Islam", instead of saying that, "I converted to Islam." As Islam is our natural nature.

^[1] Qur'ân 14:1.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ يُوْلَدُ عَلَى الْفِطْرَةِ فَأَبَوَاهُ يُهَوِّدَانِهِ أَوْ يُنَصِّرَانِهِ أَوْ يُمَجَّسَانِهِ»

“Every infant is born with an innate disposition, but it is his parents who make him a Jew, or a Christian or a Magian.”^[1]

Hence the *Tawhid*, or the belief in the Oneness of Allâh is man's innate belief.

Allâh, the Almighty says:

﴿وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَى شَهِدْنَا أَنْ تَقُولُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ ﴿٧٢﴾ أَوْ تَقُولُوا إِنَّمَا أَشْرَكَ آبَاؤُنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَكُنَّا ذُرِّيَّةً مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ أَفَتُهْلِكُنَا بِمَا فَعَلَ الْمُبْطِلُونَ ﴿٧٣﴾﴾

“And (remember) when your Lord brought forth from the Children of Adam, from their loins, their seed (or from Adam's loins his offspring) and made them testify as to themselves (saying): ‘Am I not your Lord?’ They said: ‘Yes! We testify,’ lest you should say on the Day of Resurrection: ‘Verily, we have been unaware of this.’ Or lest you should say: ‘It was only our fathers aforetime who took others as partners in worship along with Allâh, and we were (merely their) descendants after them; will You then destroy us because of the deeds of men who practised Al-Bātil (i.e. polytheism and committing crimes and sins, invoking and worshipping others besides Allâh)?’”^[2]

^[1] Al-Bukhari 1385 and Muslim 2658.

^[2] Qur'ân 7:172-173.

And:

﴿أَفَغَيْرَ دِينِ اللَّهِ يَبْغُونَ وَلَهُ أَسْلَمَ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ طَوْعًا وَكَرْهًا وَإِلَيْهِ يُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾﴾

“Do they seek other than the religion of Allâh (the true Islamic Monotheism worshipping none but Allâh Alone), while to Him submitted all creatures in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly. And to Him shall they all be returned.”^[1]

After accepting Islam, I have studied and learned more about Christianity than I ever did as a Christian. As a Christian, I was taught to take everything I was told to be the truth. I was never encouraged to investigate and search for the truth. In Islam, we are told to make certain that what someone, even an Imam, tells us something, pertaining to our religion, that it is correct. We are encouraged to read it for ourselves, either in the Qur'ân or in *Ahadith*. We are not to just accept blindly, the words of another, else we might commit *Bid'ah* (invention in the religion).

Christianity never made sense to me. I would study the Bible and afterwards, I was only confused. There were so many contradictions. How could God's Word be filled with contradictions? I thought I was stupid, or a very bad Christian, it just didn't make sense to me. Growing up, I would ask my mother about these contradictions and things I couldn't understand. Her answer to me was always the same, “We shouldn't ask these things, some things are only for God to know. You shouldn't question about God and the Bible.” But I had so many questions

^[1] Qur'ân 3:83.

and I couldn't find the answers. Growing up, I thought I was a very bad person because it just didn't make sense. I would pray that God would forgive me for being so 'stupid'. I just couldn't get it. It wasn't until researching Islam that I discovered that while in truth, Allâh sent Books before the Qur'ân, the Scriptures of Abraham, the Torah, the Psalms and the Gospel, much of them has been lost, and what remains of the original texts have been mixed with what people's own hands have written, as confirmed in the Noble Qur'ân. Allâh, the Almighty says:

﴿فَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ يَكْتُوبُونَ الْكِتَابَ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ ثُمَّ يَقُولُونَ هَذَا مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ لِيَشْتَرُوا بِهِ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا فَوَيْلٌ لَهُمْ مِمَّا كَتَبَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَوَيْلٌ لَهُمْ مِمَّا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٧٩﴾﴾

"Then woe to those who write the Book with their own hands and then say, "This is from Allâh," to purchase with it a little price! Woe to them for what their hands have written and woe to them for that they earn (thereby)."^[1]

Alhamdulillah! Allâh, the Almighty has preserved and guarded the Qur'ân. Allâh, the Almighty says:

﴿إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ ﴿٩﴾﴾

"Verily, We, it is We Who have sent down the Dhikr (i.e. the Qur'ân) and surely We will guard it (from corruption)."^[2]

And:

﴿أَفَلَا يَتَذَكَّرُونَ الْفُرْقَانَ وَلَوْ كَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ لَوَجَدُوا فِيهِ اخْتِلَافًا كَثِيرًا ﴿٨٧﴾﴾

^[1] Qur'ân 2:79.

^[2] Qur'ân 15:9.

"Do they not then consider the Qur'ân carefully? Had it been from other than Allâh, they would surely have found therein many a contradiction."^[1]

I didn't understand the concept of 'the Father, Son and Holy Ghost', how could God be three people? Allâh, the Almighty says:

﴿لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ ثَلَاثٌ ثَلَاثٌ وَمَا مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِلَّا إِلَهٌ وَحِدٌ وَإِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهُوا عَمَّا يَقُولُونَ لَيَمَسَّنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٧٣﴾﴾

"Surely, disbelievers are those who said: "Allâh is the third of the three (in a Trinity)." But there is no Ilâh (god) (none who has the right to be worshipped) but One Ilâh (God – Allâh). And if they cease not from what they say, verily, a painful torment will befall on the disbelievers among them."^[2]

And:

﴿يَتَأْخَذَ الْكِتَابَ لَا تَعْلَمُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ وَلَا تَقُولُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْحَقَّ إِنَّمَا الْمَسِيحُ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَكَلِمَتُهُ أَلْقَاهَا إِلَى مَرْيَمَ وَرُوحٌ مِنْهُ فَآمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَلَا تَقُولُوا ثَلَاثَةٌ انْتَهُوا خَيْرًا لَكُمْ إِنَّمَا اللَّهُ إِلَهٌ وَحِدٌ سُبْحَانَهُ أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُ وَلَدٌ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا ﴿١٧١﴾﴾

"O people of the Scripture (Christians)! Do not exceed the limits in your religion, nor say of Allâh aught but the truth. The Messiah 'Isā (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary),

^[1] Qur'ân 4:82.

^[2] Qur'ân 5:73.